

***Remarks***

Applicants have elected to prosecute claims 1-12 and 17-27 related to Species II, without traverse. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

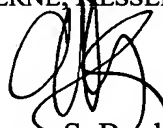
Based on the foregoing amendments, claims 1-27 and 29-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 26 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Claim 28 is canceled, as it is a duplicate of claim 23.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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